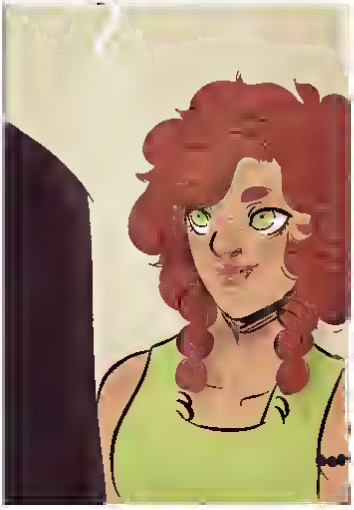
WHAT IS IT?
IT IS SAMURAI MAY I COME IN?
KEEP IT BRIEF. I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO
I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYONE ABOUT THE OTHER DAY. IF THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE. I SWEAR TEMPLAN PRIDE SOMETIMES IS JUST SO-
NO. I. JUST WISHED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR. ASSISTANCE. AND TO APOLOGISE FOR DISGRACING MYSELF-

UNDER THE AEGIS

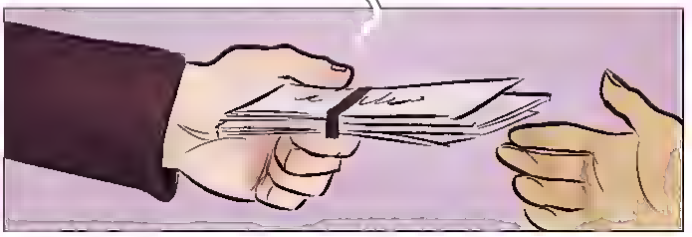
BY VINEDDIEE

THANKS ARGUS.

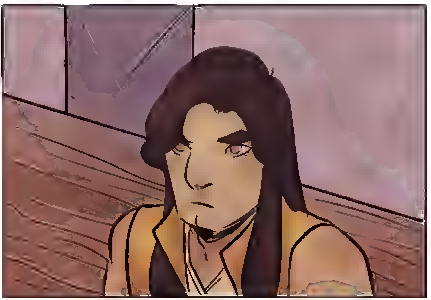


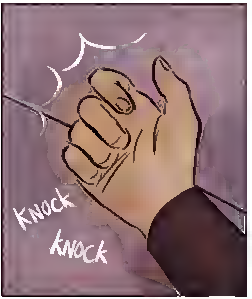
SAMURAI, I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A TOUGH TIME FOR YOU. BUT THE SYNEDRION HAS RECEIVED MANY LETTERS EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR YOUR GRANDFATHER'S PASSING.

MOST OF THEM ARE ADDRESSED TO YOU.



SIENNA. I HAVE CONFIRMED YOUR TRIP HOME TOMORROW. THE FENN CHIEF WILL BE ARRIVING EARLY TO PERSONALLY ESCORT YOU BACK
MAKE SURE YOU'RE ALL PACKED OKAY? I'M PICKING YOU UP FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING

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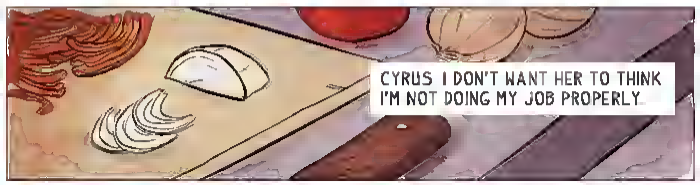
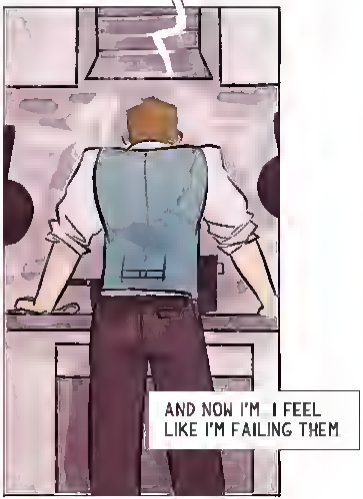
NO. YOU'RE A WRECK. YOU'RE OVERWORKED AND STRESSED AND THE LOOK OF WORRY ON YOUR FACE HAS BECOME PERMANENT.

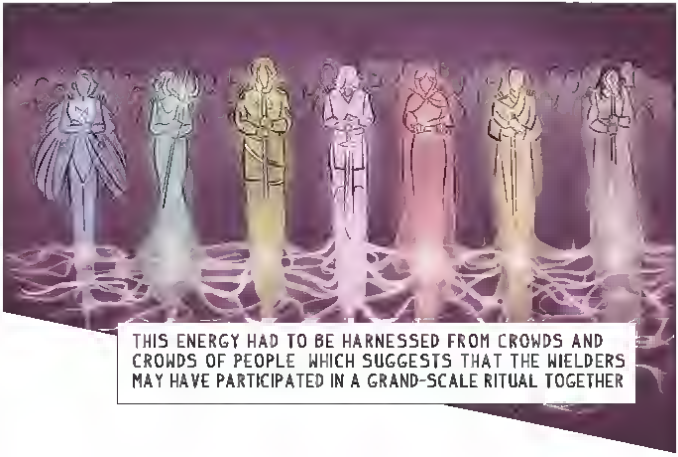
HAVE YOU TALKED TO MY MOTHER ABOUT IT AT ALL? MAYBE SHE CAN-



YOU KNOW HOW LONG I WANTED TO BE PART OF THE SYNEDRION? EVER SINCE I WAS A BOY.

I'D ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN WIELDERS AND WHEN MATTIE WAS BORN, THAT CINCHED THE DEAL FOR ME. I JOINED THE SYNEDRION TO BECOME STRONGER. TO HELP THE WIELDERS, GUIDE THEM.




THIS ENERGY HAD TO BE HARNESSED FROM CROWDS AND CROWDS OF PEOPLE. WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE WIELDERS MAY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A GRAND-SCALE RITUAL TOGETHER

THE ENERGY WAS SEALED INSIDE THE WEAPONS

AND THE WIELDERS BECAME ITS CONDUITS

THEY BECAME BOUND TO THEIR WEAPONS BUT IN ORDER FOR THIS RITUAL TO TAKE PLACE SOMEONE MUST HAVE PRESIDED OVER IT

PRECISELY AND THAT'S WHERE HISTORIANS BEGIN TO DIFFER SOME SAY IT WAS THE EIGHTH RACE THAT PERFORMED THE RITUAL

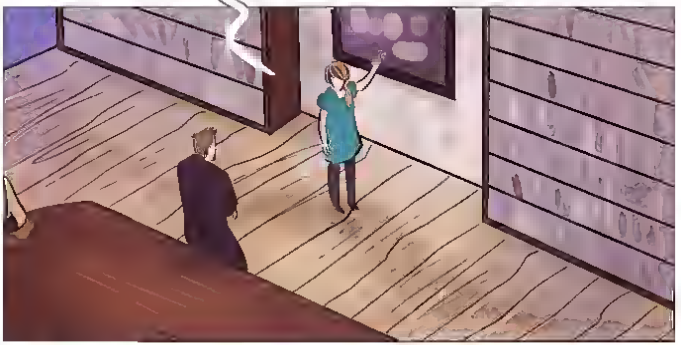
OTHERS SAY IT WAS THE WIELDERS THEMSELVES WITH THE HELP OF THEIR PEOPLE

LINE Webtoon

YOU SAID BEFORE THAT THIS EIGHTH RACE REFUSED TO VOLUNTEER SOMEONE AS A WIELDER. WHY WOULD THEY HELP WITH THE RITUAL AT ALL? ASSUMING THEY DID

PERHAPS THEY KNEW WHAT KIND OF CONSEQUENCES THE MAGIC ENTAILED

I FOUND THESE SYMBOLS REPEATEDLY ON THE MURAL BACK IN GHATIKA, AND ALSO IN SOME ANCIENT TEXTS

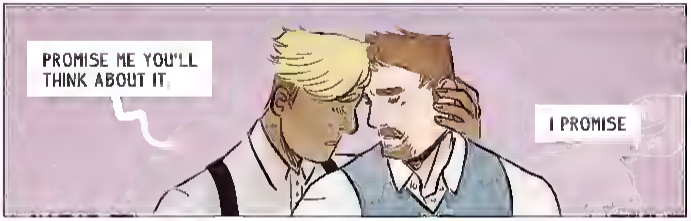


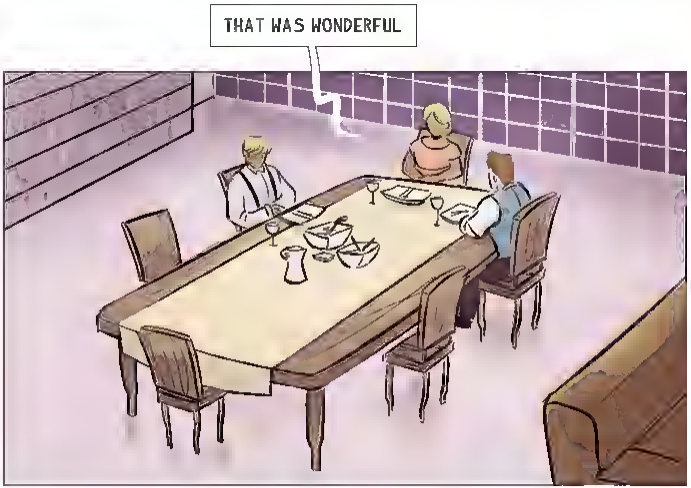
THEY DIDN'T COME WITH A LOT OF CONTEXT, BUT I THINK IT'S THE SYMBOL FOR THE EIGHTH RACE

ME TOO. HE HAS A LOT ON HIS MIND AND HE CAN'T TELL ME MOST OF IT. I WISH I COULD DO SOMETHING

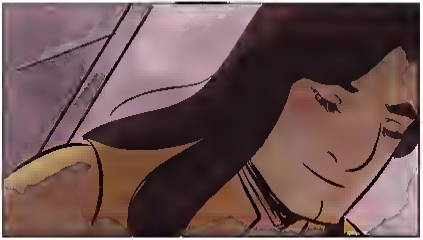
SECRECY PLAYS A GREAT PART IN THE WIELDER'S SAFETY. JUST KEEP TAKING CARE OF HIM LIKE YOU'VE ALWAYS DONE

HE LOVES YOU VERY MUCH.


PROMISE ME YOU'LL THINK ABOUT IT
I PROMISE


THAT WAS WONDERFUL

YOUR COOKING HAS IMPROVED CYRUS
THE SECRET INGREDIENT IS LETTING ARGUS TAKE OVER IN THE KITCHEN



SIENNA AND I HAVE FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ANY TRESPASSING IN THE WOODED AREA SURROUNDING THE HOUSE, NOT SINCE THE NIGHT SAMURAI WAS POISONED.

NOTHING. NO TRACKS. NO CLUES. GAWAIN PERFORMED AN AERIAL SWEEP AND NEN COMBED THE COASTAL AREA. SAME RESULTS.

WELL, AT LEAST THE NEW SECURITY SYSTEM SEEMS TO BE WORKING. MATTIE SENSED SOMETHING WHILE WE WERE AT THE CEMETERY THE OTHER DAY. I'D SAY KEEP YOUR GUARDS UP.

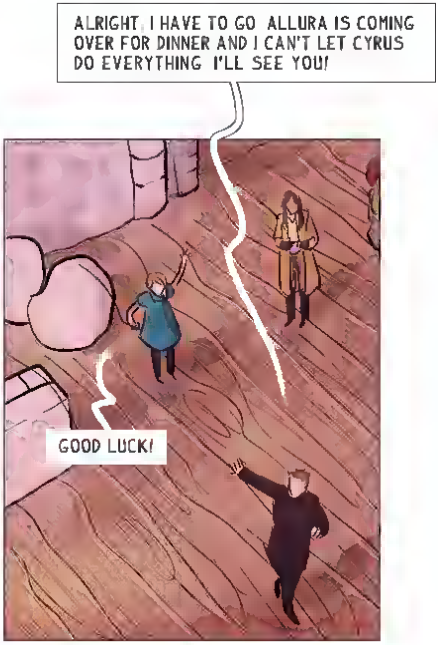
THEY'RE WAITING FOR AN OPENING AND YOU CAN'T GIVE THEM ONE. LET'S KEEP WORKING TO CATCH THEM.

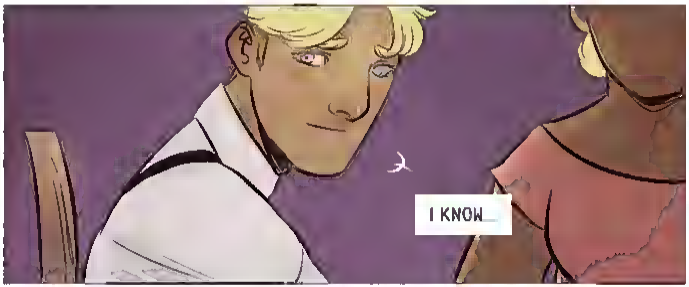
SAMURAI HAS BEEN TRANSLATING A HISTORICAL TEXT THAT MAKES MORE MENTIONS OF THE FIRST WIELDERS' DEATHS ALONG WITH A CHARTER ON FORMING A TENTATIVE ALLIANCE AMONG ALL RACES

THESE THINGS ARE MENTIONED TOGETHER OFTEN ENOUGH TO BE TOO MUCH OF A COINCIDENCE

I BELIEVE WE HAVE SURVIVING PIECES OF THE CHARTER IN THE ARCHIVES OR THE MUSEUM. I'LL DIG THEM UP

THANK YOU I DID NOT THINK MY GRANDFATHER WAS SO WELL KNOWN OUTSIDE OF TEMPLOS
HE HAD MANY STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND HIS GRANDSON IS A WIELDER THEY ARE WRITING TO YOU


ALRIGHT, I HAVE TO GO. ALLURA IS COMING OVER FOR DINNER AND I CAN'T LET CYRUS DO EVERYTHING. I'LL SEE YOU!
GOOD LUCK!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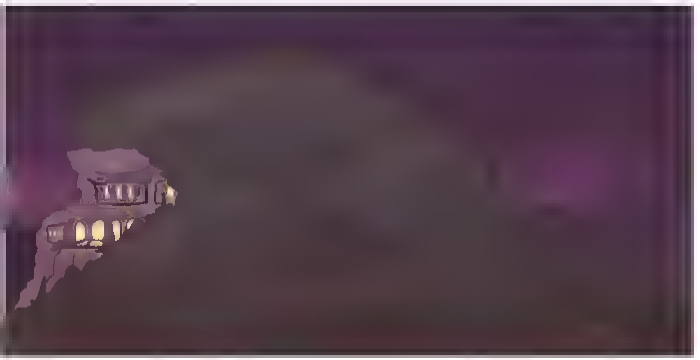
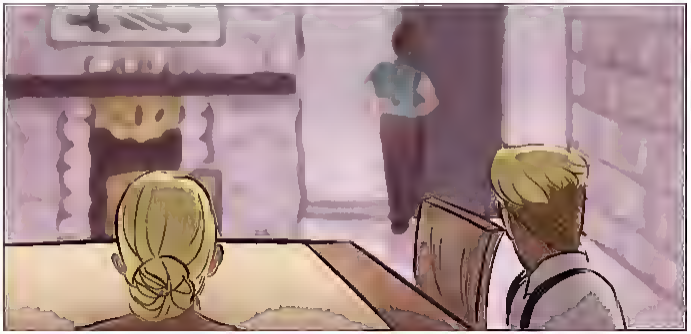
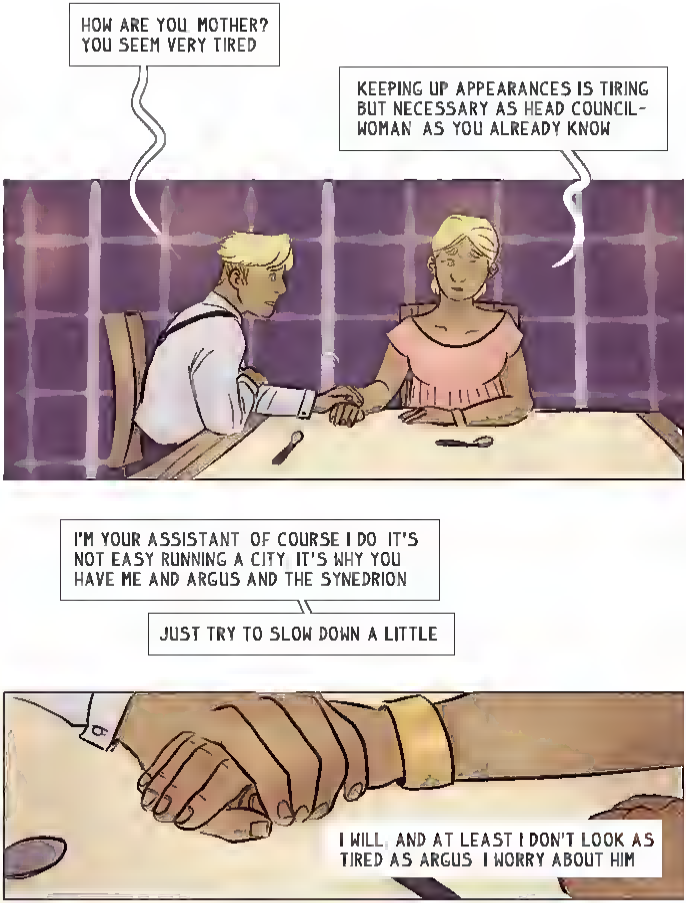
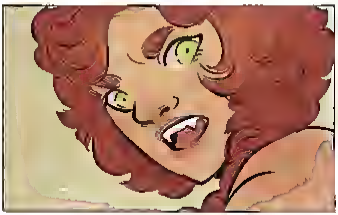


SO TRUE. LET ME CLEAR THESE PLATES AND FETCH DESSERT.




HOW ARE YOU MOTHER? YOU SEEM VERY TIRED
KEEPING UP APPEARANCES IS TIRING BUT NECESSARY AS HEAD COUNCIL-WOMAN AS YOU ALREADY KNOW
I'M YOUR ASSISTANT OF COURSE I DO IT'S NOT EASY RUNNING A CITY IT'S WHY YOU HAVE ME AND ARGUS AND THE SYNEDRION
JUST TRY TO SLOW DOWN A LITTLE
I WILL AND AT LEAST I DON'T LOOK AS TIRED AS ARGUS I WORRY ABOUT HIM

LOOK. IT'S FINE. OKAY? YOU'RE ALLOWED TO CRY WHEN FAMILY DIES. YOU'RE JUST TOO WOUND UP IS ALL. TOO UPTIGHT



AND DON'T BOW TO ME IN THANKS OR ANYTHING. I HATE THAT. YOU SHOULDN'T NEED TO DO IT

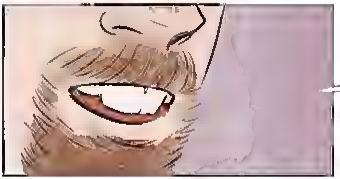
IT IS HOW MY PEOPLE EXPRESS GRATITUDE

AND THE FENN ARE TWICE AS PROUD AS ANY TEMPLAN IF WE ARE TO MAKE A COMPARISON

IT LOOKS KINDA LIKE A DIAMOND OR A STAR.

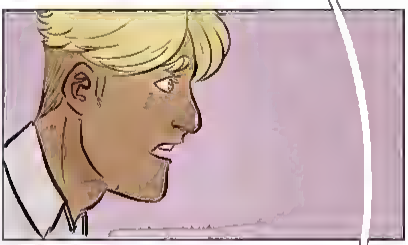
HEY, WHAT IF THEY DID HAVE A WIELDER AFTER ALL AND WE NEED TO LOOK FOR THEM TOO?

NO. IT'S SOMETHING THAT HISTORIANS HAVE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED ON BY PIECING TOGETHER ACCOUNTS ON THE RITUALS INVOLVED IN CREATING THE VERY FIRST WIELDERS



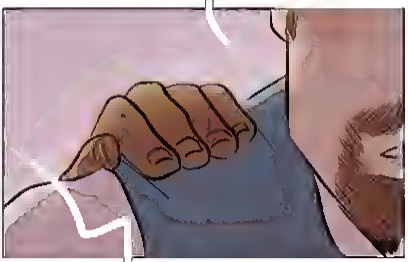
THE SEVEN LEADERS OF THE TIME VOLUNTEERED THEMSELVES TO A POWERFUL MAGIC THAT REQUIRED VAST AMOUNTS OF ENERGY.

WHAT!? HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?



I MAY NOT BE AWARE OF MOST OF THE THINGS YOU DO FOR THEM BUT I'VE SEEN HOW TIRED YOU ARE WHEN YOU COME HOME HOW MUCH YOU WORRY WHEN YOU'RE MEANT TO BE ASLEEP

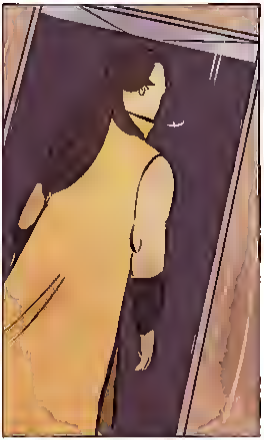
I'M NOT DOING ENOUGH FOR THEM



YOU'RE DOING WHAT YOU CAN YOU'RE JUST ONE MAN AND ALL THIS SECRECY MAY BE NECESSARY BUT YOU NEED TO TRUST SOMEONE TO RELIEVE SOME OF THE BURDEN

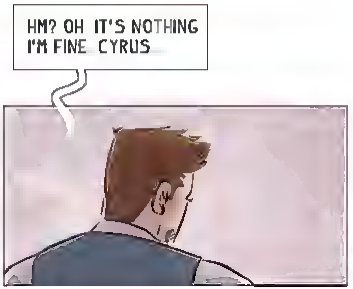
IT'S SLOWLY KILLING YOU

YEAH, YEAH WHATEVER. YOU'RE WELCOME.
NOW GO ON AND LET ME PACK, SAMURAI



POSSIBLY WE DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW OR WHEN THE WIELDERS DISCOVERED THEY WERE INEXTRICABLY BOUND TO EACH OTHER AS WELL AS TO THEIR WEAPONS
OR WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ONE OF THEM WERE TO PERISH
I THINK YOU'RE ON TO SOMETHING MATTIE KEEP SEARCHING FOR MORE INFORMATION
DORIAN? HOW HAS THE INVESTIGATION PROGRESSED? ANY NEW FINDS? LEADS?

OKAY. YOU NEED TO TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON ARGUS


HM? OH IT'S NOTHING I'M FINE CYRUS